



# September 2014 Nickerson State Park

**Park Interpreter:** Todd

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**Park Website:** <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-south/nickerson-state-park.html>

All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations are available upon request.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <b>Early Birding</b> 8:00am – 9:00am  <b>Tracking Along the Barrier Beach</b> 10:00am – 11:30am	3 <b>Nature Center</b> 1:00pm – 4:00pm  <b>Mammals of Nickerson</b> at the Amphitheater 6:30pm – 7:30pm	4 <b>Coastal Erosion and Longshore Drift</b> 10:00am-11:00am  <b>NSP Bike Trail</b> 1:00pm – 3:00p	5 <b>Off the Beaten Path</b> 2:00pm – 4:00pm  <b>Night Walk</b> 7:00pm – 8:30pm	6 <b>Salt Marsh Surroundings</b> 1:00pm – 2:30pm
7	8	9 <b>Early Birding</b> 8:00am – 9:00am  <b>Barrier Beach Ecology</b> 2:00pm – 3:30pm	10 <b>Nature Center</b> 1:00pm – 4:00pm  <b>Mammals of Nickerson</b> at the Amphitheater 6:30pm – 7:30pm	11 <b>Rail Trail Ride</b> 9:30am – 12:00pm  <b>Sunset Stroll</b> 4:00pm-5:30pm	12 <b>Off the Beaten Path</b> 2:00pm – 4:00pm  <b>Night Walk</b> 6:30pm – 8:00pm	13 <b>Salt Marsh Surroundings</b> 10:00am – 11:30am
14	15	16 <b>Early Birding</b> 8:00am – 9:00am  <b>Tracking Along the Barrier Beach</b> 10:00am – 11:30am	17 <b>Nature Center</b> 2:00pm – 4:00pm  <b>Mammals of Nickerson</b> at the Amphitheater 6:00pm – 7:00pm	18 <b>Coastal Erosion and Longshore drift</b> 10:00am-11:00am  <b>NSP Bike Trail</b> 1:00pm – 3:00pm	19 <b>Off the Beaten Path</b> 2:00pm – 4:00pm  <b>Night Walk</b> 6:00pm – 7:30pm	20 <b>Celebrate our Waters</b> 2:30pm-4:00pm
21	22	23 <b>Early Birding</b> 8:00am – 9:00am  <b>Barrier Beach Ecology</b> 2:00pm – 3:30pm	24 <b>Nature Center</b> 1:00pm – 4:00pm  <b>Mammals of Nickerson</b> at the Amphitheater 6:00pm – 7:00pm	25 <b>Rail Trail Ride</b> 9:30am – 12:00pm  <b>Sunset Stroll</b> 4:00pm-5:30pm	26 <b>Off the Beaten Path</b> 2:00pm – 4:00pm  <b>Night Walk</b> 6:00pm – 7:30pm	27

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		<b>End of Season Beach Walk</b> 10:00am – 11:30am				

## Program Descriptions

<b>Early Birding</b>	<p>Start your day with a short walk and learn to identify birds by sight, sound and behavior. We will concentrate on shorebirds when we visit Crosby Beach and woodland birds at Fishermans Landing. Either way you will leave with the skills to have a deeper appreciation for bird watching. This program is available to all ages and level of ability. Bring binoculars if you have them and we have them if you don't.</p> <p><b>September 2:</b> Meet at the end of Crosby Lane.</p> <p><b>September 9:</b> Meet at Fisherman's Landing, 2 miles in from the park entrance to the left.</p> <p><b>September 16:</b> Meet at the end of Crosby Lane.</p> <p><b>September 23:</b> Meet at Fisherman's Landing, 2 miles in from the park entrance to the left.</p>
<b>Coastal Erosion and Longshore Drift</b>	<p>Learn how Cape Cod is continually being shaped by coastal erosion and longshore drift. Please wear shoes that may get a little wet. Meet at the end of Crosby Lane. Bring water and insect repellent. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Cancelled in the event of rain.</p>
<b>Barrier Beach Ecology</b>	<p>We will explore the ecology of the Namskaket barrier beach system by examining the combined habitats of coastal dune, inner salt marsh and tidal creek, as well as the intertidal zone of the Brewster flats. Meet at the end of Crosby Lane. Bring water and wear shoes that may get slightly wet.</p>
<b>Sunset Stroll</b>	<p>Join the Park Interpreter for a leisurely stroll along Cape Cod Bay to watch the sunset and learn about coastal ecology and the glacial geology of Cape Cod as you witness the natural beauty of the bay. Please wear shoes that may get a little wet. No bare feet. Meet at the end of Crosby Lane and bring insect repellent. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Cancelled in the event of rain.</p>
<b>Tracking on the Barrier Beach</b>	<p>We'll look for tracks and signs that animals have left behind by understanding the habitats that they would be in. Along the way we'll even examine our own footprints in the sand and learn about the "Science of the Track". Please wear shoes that may get a little wet. No bare feet. Meet at the end of Crosby Lane. Bring water and insect repellent. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Cancelled in the event of rain.</p>
<b>Night Walk</b>	<p>Learn how to rely on our own night vision while we explore how nocturnal birds and animals use their other senses to survive at night. We'll stargaze into the beautiful Brewster night sky at the end. No flashlights to be on during this walk and bring insect repellent. Meet at Fisherman's Landing, 2 miles in from park entrance. All children must be</p>

	accompanied by an adult. Cancelled in the event of rain.
<b>Mammals of NSP at the Amphitheater</b>	Join the Park Interpreter at the Nickerson State Park Amphitheater for a narrated slide show and learn all about the mammals that call NSP home! We will have furs and bone specimens for you to look at as well. For all ages. Meet at the Amphitheater. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Cancelled in the event of rain.
<b>NSP Bike Trail</b>	Ride the hilly terrain of NSP. We'll learn all about the History of NSP and how the CCC worked to develop the park. Meet at the Nature Center. 8 miles with up and down hills. Bring water and a snack. All participants must wear a helmet.
<b>Rail Trail Ride</b>	Come along and ride the Cape Cod Rail Trail to Pleasant Lake and learn about the history of the Old Colony Railroad and how it relates to the birth of commercial cranberry bogs in America. 10 miles level trip. Bring water and a snack or an early lunch. Meet at the Nature Center. All participants must wear a helmet.
<b>Off the Beaten Path</b>	Join the Park Interpreter for a fun and informative recreational hike through the lesser known areas of Nickerson State Park. Bring water, and wear appropriate shoes for hiking 3 – 5 miles. All children must be accompanied by an adult. <b>September 5:</b> Meet at the entrance to Area 7 at the end of Nook Road. <b>September 12:</b> Meet at Fisherman's Landing, 2 miles in from the park entrance to the left. <b>September 19:</b> Meet at the end of Flax Pond Road. <b>September 26:</b> Meet at Fisherman's Landing, 2 miles in from the park entrance to the left.
<b>Nature Center</b>	Visit the NSP Nature Center and learn all about the natural history of Cape Cod. Hands on exhibits and activities.
<b>Celebrate Our Waters</b>	<b>Kettle Ponds: Our Window into Cape Cod's Sole Source Aquifer</b> Regional Event sponsored by the Orleans Pond Coalition. Join Nickerson State Park Interpreter Todd Kelley for a walk around Little Cliff Pond discussing what sole source aquifer and water lenses are, and how they relate to watersheds and the water table. We will also learn about the sensitive and threatened habitats of this precious coastal plain pond. Meet at the entrance parking lot to caravan to the trail head.
<b>Salt Marsh Surroundings</b>	Meet us for a walk exploring the inner salt marsh of Namskaket Creek. We will walk the barrier beach to get to the tidal creek where we can see up close the nature of a salt marsh. Please wear shoes that may get a little wet. Meet at the end of Crosby Lane. Bring water and insect repellent. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Cancelled in the event of rain.
<b>End of Season Beach Walk</b>	Join the Park Interpreter for the last beach walk of the season. We will reflect on the natural history of Cape Cod and just enjoy the scenery. Please wear shoes that may get a little wet. Meet at the end of Crosby Lane and bring water. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Cancelled in the event of rain.